

## **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 21-26 as follows:

~~Fig. 3~~ Figs. 3A-3C schematically ~~shows~~ show an embodiment of the deep draw packaging method of the present invention, wherein Fig. 3A is (Fig. 3(A): a vertical cross-sectional view of a vacuum packaging apparatus, ~~Fig. 3(B):~~ Fig. 3B is a top view of a packaged product produced through the method, and ~~Fig. 3(C):~~ Fig. 3C is a vertical cross-sectional view of the packaged ~~product)~~ product.

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 19-23 as follows:

Fig. 2 is a schematic representation illustrating an embodiment of the deep draw packaging method of the present invention. Fig. 3A schematically shows in vertical cross-section a vacuum packaging apparatus 5, which is an example of the vacuum packaging apparatus employed in the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, line 24 bridging page 15, line 5 as follows:

The procedure of the aforementioned conventional deep draw packaging method is repeated, except that a specific film with small shrinkability A is continuously fed in place of the non-shrinkable film f, to thereby form a concave container portion 1 and an upper peripheral portion 13. As shown in Figs. 3A-3B, after ~~After~~ an object C is placed in the concave container portion 1, a film B is continuously fed so as to form

a cover portion 2 on the portion 1, and the resultant product is transferred to a vacuum packaging apparatus 5.

Please amend the paragraph at page 45, lines 4-10 as follows:

There was employed a vacuum packaging apparatus 5 including a concave portion heating/shrinking mold 6 having the same shape as the mold for forming a concave container portion 1, and a heater 6' which is provided on the inner bottom of the mold 6 as shown in Fig. 3A and which can regulate the temperature of the surface of the mold 6 to a predetermined temperature.